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Section A: Definitions & Acronyms

Policies

- (a) IPSC staff shall establish standard naming conventions and standardized language terminologies to be used within published documentation for Project Hoosier SAFE-T.

1) Background

Public safety communications systems terminology varies with the technology implemented. Project Hoosier SAFE-T adopted Motorola's Smart Zone/OmniLink architecture. As such, much of the language contained in policy and procedure manuals references that technology. Other references are from accepted operational standards published by the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers training manuals and operations guides.

The purpose of this policy is to define relevant language to be used and to help clarify terms used throughout the standards, protocols and procedures manual.

2) Definitions

The definitions in this policy apply only in the context of Project Hoosier SAFE-T.

Statewide and Regional Mutual Aid Interoperability Talk Groups

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Statewide and regional mutual aid talk groups (TG) are talk groups that are set-aside for communicating among multiple agencies. Agency radio users who need to communicate with one another for day-to-day business or for mutual aid may program the appropriate regional and statewide pool talk groups into their radio for use as needed. Example: Fire Departments will all have the appropriate regional Mutual Aid TG in their radios, "I_MAI, or 2 or 3 as do the police, sheriff and EMS responders. Each can communicate using the I_MAI, 2 or 3 talkgroup to accomplish their specific detail.

Backbone System

A region-wide public safety radio communication system that consists of a shared region- wide infrastructure, the elements of which are identified in the REGION WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN, and Subsystem integrated into or interconnected by the shared region-wide network.

Control Station

An operationally fixed station that automatically controls the emissions or operation of another radio station at a specified location, usually placed in a dispatch console either as the primary dispatch radio or to enable mutual aid patches.

Critical Operations

Governmental, quasi-governmental and non-governmental operations designated by IPSAC staff by authorized users who rely upon a functioning two-way radio communications system. Unavailability, degradation, delay, partial or complete failure, or failure, in system operations would significantly impact the successful operations of the users.

Logging

Audio recording of a radio communication.

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Mobile Radio

A station in the mobile service, generally installed in a vehicle, intended to be used while in motion or during halts at unspecified points.

Mobile Service

A service of radio communication between mobile and base stations, or between mobile stations.

Operational Fixed Station

A fixed station, not open to public correspondence, operated by, and for the sole use of those agencies operating their own radio communication facilities in the public safety, industrial, land transportation, marine, or aviation radio services.

Patch

Permanent (hard) Patch:

A patch between two or more audio resources, which is fixed and cannot be controlled or edited by the dispatcher.

Manual (soft) Patch:

A patch between two or more audio resources, which is setup and controlled by the dispatcher. The dispatcher owning the patch can add & delete resources as needed.

Portable Radio

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A station that is completely freestanding and may be hand-carried, or worn by the radio user, or mounted in a temporary fashion in a vehicle through the use of a charger or other repeater devise permanently mounted within the vehicle.

Public Safety

Government or non-government functions that operate to serve and protect the general welfare of the general public primarily from physical danger. In the context of the radio system, public safety means eligible public, quasi-public or private law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service agencies. IPSC may include personnel of agencies that work directly with or under public safety personnel including, but not limited to, emergency management, natural resources and environmental enforcement personnel, non-licensed public officials with statutory or local ordinance compliance authorities, officers and officials of the court and corrections, non-licensed public agency security personnel, non-licensed private security personnel working under contract with public or quasi public security services and those individuals who support public safety operations under special operations or circumstances as determined by the host public safety agency.

Public Service

Services provided by public, quasi-public or private entity. A service provided by a private entity is public service if acting under authority of a public quasi-public entity. Any other legally authorized and eligible governmental and quasi-governmental radio system users not otherwise included within the scope of Public Safety. This would include, but not be limited to, public works transportation, transit operations, environmental management, public and environmental health, parks and recreation, public schools and higher institutions, public libraries, facilities maintenance, building inspection, engineering and zoning, planning and development, general government administration, health and social services and those personnel or service providers under contract to provide or support such services to an eligible governmental or quasi government radio system user and if approved by IPSC or IPSC staff under a delegation by IPSC.

Regional System

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An 800 MHz Public Safety Communication System that is not fully integrated with the Project Hoosier SAFE-T system. Examples include: MECA; City of Ft. Wayne; City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County.

Simulcast Cluster

A group of radio frequency (RF) sites that function as a single site in transmit and receive.

Site

Radio tower/stations, also known as an Intelsatellite (IR) Site

System Management/Administrative Position

System Manager:

Individual in charge of the radio system of a participating agency

System Administrator:

Individual acting on behalf of IPSC who is responsible for the day-to-day radio system operations of a participating agency

Sub-System Administrators:

Individuals responsible for the day to day radio sub-system operations of a participating agency

System:

SAFE-T network/database at SmartZone Controller location(s).

Sub-System:

User/agency system that connects to SAFE-T system.

Transportation

An entity of government to provide safe, effective and efficient multi-modal movement of the public and commodities including public roads, highways, waterways, railways, airways and public transportation systems.

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ACRONYMS (in alphabetical order)

- AVL** Automatic Vehicle Locator
APCO Associated Public Safety Communications Officials
BLS Basic Life Support
CEB Central Electronics Bank
CTCSS Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System
DIU Digital Interface Unit
DTMF Dual Tone Multiple frequency
EMS Emergency Medical Services
EMRS Emergency Medical Radio Service
FCC Federal Communications Commission
ICALL International 800 MHz Calling Channel
IPSC Integrated Public Safety Commission
ITAC International 800 MHz Tactical Channels
MHZ Megahertz
NAEMSD National Assn. of State EMS Directors
NPSPAC National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee
PHS Project Hoosier SAFE-T
PSAP Public Safety Answering Point
PSWN Public Safety Wireless Network (National)
PTT Push to talk, i.e., talk button
RF Radio Frequency
RSS Radio Service Software
SAFE-T Safety Acting For Everyone - Together
UHF Ultra High Frequency
VHF Very High Frequency